

November 19, 2009

Senator Julie Lassa
P.O. Box 7882
Madison, WI 53707

RE: Support for LRB 3617 - the Wisconsin C.O.R.E. Jobs Act

Dear Senator Lassa:

On behalf of BioForward, I want to thank you for your continued efforts to grow the biotechnology and medical device industries in Wisconsin. We truly appreciate all of the legislative initiatives that were enacted thus far to enhance the Accelerate Wisconsin tax credit program.

Our organization feels that the Wisconsin C.O.R.E. Jobs Act is another important legislative step forward for the biotech industry. The C.O.R.E. Jobs Act not only further expands the Accelerate Wisconsin tax credits, but also includes other proposals intended to speed the development of new businesses based on emerging research from existing Wisconsin companies and research institutions. This bill will allow Wisconsin companies to have access to microloans, access to grant writers, and will provide for a streamlining of the regulatory permitting process. These are all important elements that will assist the growth of biotech, medical device and other technology companies in Wisconsin.

BioForward believes that this legislation will enhance job growth and innovation across industry sectors. We expect to have additional suggestions for consideration to further enhance the effectiveness of the proposal when the public hearings on the bill are held. We support the concepts included in this proposal and hope that this is just the beginning of an ongoing dialogue between the Legislature and the biotech/medical device industry on efforts to grow in Wisconsin.

If I can be of any assistance to you or if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,



Bryan Renk
Executive Director